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Sponge Wetting Dish

I, WALTER FISCHER, Avenue des Alpes, La Tour de Peilz, Switzerland, of Swiss Nationality, do hereby declare the invention, for which I pray that a patent may be granted to me and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

The object of the present invention is to provide a sponge wetting dish which enables a sponge, used to wipe a slate when for instance playing at cards, to be wetted in a quick and satisfactory manner.

The sponge wetting dish according to the invention comprises a water container and a grate which can move inside the water container and which is normally held by springs above the water level, whereby the grate can be pushed down against the spring pressure into the water by means of the sponge which is thereby squeezed between the fingers, pushing it down, and the grate pushing in the opposite direction.

The sponge wetting dish, which is conveniently made of the size of an ordinary ash tray, can be handed to the card-players together with the sponge when the card cloth, cards, slate and chalk are issued to them.

When the sponge is pressed with the fingers against the grate it dips with the grate into the water in the container. The sponge is then in a compressed state and can absorb only a limited quantity of water.

The drawing shows an example of construction of the invention.

In this drawing:—

Fig. 1 is a vertical section through the wetting dish in the outgoing position.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the wetting dish.

Fig. 3 is part of a vertical section through the wetting dish in the pushed-down position, when wetting a sponge.

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Fig. 4 is a plan view of part of the water container.

Fig. 5 is a plan view of part of the 50 grate.

The sponge wetting dish shown in the drawings is provided with a water container 1, which can be of the structure of an ash tray. The wall of the container 55 has, in four places spaced at 90°, vertical guides 2 which are open to the interior of the container through longitudinal slots 3. 4 is a grate, with slot-like holes which has on its circumference, at four 60 places spaced at 90°, sliders formed by head-like projections 6 on a neck 5. The sliders fit into the guides 2, 3 of the container wall and enable the grate to move in a vertical direction. Compression 65 springs 7 are arranged in the guide holes 2 and support the grate 4 with its slider projections 5, 6. Closing pins 8 are pressed into the tops of the guides 2 and serve as stops. The springs 7 keep the 70 grate raised, pushing it against the pins 8. The container 1 is filled appropriately with only a certain amount of water such that the grate is above the water level. The container and grate are made of 75 metal, synthetic materials, etc. and must be water-resistant.

The sponge which is to be wetted is put on the grate and pressed with the fingers of one hand against the grate so 80 that the latter is pushed down, together with the sponge, and dipped into the water. As the sponge is now compressed, it can absorb only a limited quantity of 85 water.

What I claim is:—

1. A sponge wetting dish comprising a water container and a grate which can move inside the water container and which is normally held by spring above 90 the water level, whereby the grate can be pushed down, against the spring pressure into the water by means of the sponge which is thereby squeezed between the

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fingers which are pushing it down, and the grate pushing in the opposite direction.

- 5 2. A sponge wetting dish, as claimed in claim 1, wherein vertical guides are mounted on the inside of the water container, the grate being provided on its circumference with sliders which fit into

the guides and being supported on compression springs arranged in the guides. 10

3. A sponge wetting dish as described with reference to the accompanying drawing.

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